



## DESIGNING THE SCHOOL FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

# Integrated Plan 2012-2017

The following excerpts relating to the School for Civil Society are from the University of Guelph Integrated Plan 2012/2013 to 2016/2017 (April 11, 2012 )

## STRATEGIES AND INITIATIVES

“ **School of Civil Society:** Building on our strengths in community engagement and international development, the university is poised to create and develop a new structural unit on campus focusing on ‘Civil Society’. This is a term that is contentiously defined but which we use to signify the nexus of organizations and structures and principles—outside of but interacting with government and commerce—that manifest the will and spirit of a community, people, or nation. This new unit will be interdisciplinary and collaborative and will consolidate campus wide strengths in a structural unit with core faculty and global engagement research infrastructure. We will work in partnership with NGOs, and public and private sector entities to strengthen the capacity of societies to face complex challenges and take advantage of extraordinary opportunities. This new unit will be the site of teaching and research excellence dedicated to the production and exchange of applied knowledge in such areas as women and girls in development, the environment, global food security, health, and community resilience. Key to the establishment of the School will be the establishment of five chairs, each of which will be involved in the expansion and management of partnerships and networks, the mobilization of applied knowledge, and most important, engagement with organizations at home and around the globe to bring about transformative improvements in solving the complex issues facing our world.

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## METRICS AND ASSESSMENT



Create and maintain a sustainable School of Civil Society, with at least 125 students enrolling annually in programming offered by the School—with increases of 10% per year over the five- year planning period. Secure at least three of five planned Chairs in support of the School.

